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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

CONFIRMATION NO. 7344

In re the application of:

Joichi Ushioda, et al.

Serial No.: 10/067,506

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Group Art Unit: 1763

Examiner: R. Kackar

For : SUBSTRATE SUPPORTING TABLE, METHOD FOR PRODUCING SAME,  
AND PROCESSING SYSTEM

AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

A response to the Office Action dated May 18, 2004 is due by August 18, 2004. A Petition for Extension of Time (one month, large entity) is enclosed, extending the date to September 20, 2004 (September 18, 2004 being a Saturday). Therefore, please accept this Amendment as timely filed.

In response to the Office Action dated May 18, 2004, kindly amend the above-identified patent application as set forth below.